

Add-On Course: "Society and Environment"

Instructor: Dr. Animesh AL Rai, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya

Course Duration: February 15, 2022 - 35 hours
Class Schedule: Monday to Saturday, 3:35 PM - 5:35 PM

Course Overview

The add-on course "Society and Environment" offers undergraduate students an interdisciplinary understanding of the intricate relationship between human societies and their natural environments. This course aims to equip students with the knowledge and analytical skills to critically examine environmental issues and their social implications. The course is structured to foster a holistic view, emphasizing the interconnectedness of social systems and ecological processes.

Objectives of the Course

1. **Understanding Interconnections:** To explore the complex interactions between society and the environment.
2. **Critical Analysis:** To develop the ability to critically assess environmental issues through a sociological lens.
3. **Awareness and Sensitization:** To raise awareness about the socio-environmental challenges and their global and local impacts.
4. **Sustainable Solutions:** To encourage students to think about sustainable solutions and the role of social policies in addressing environmental problems.

Prerequisites

This course is designed for undergraduate students with an interest in sociology and environmental studies. No specific prerequisites are required, but a basic understanding of sociological concepts and environmental science will be beneficial.

Course Content

Week 1: Introduction to Society and Environment (6 hours)

- Understanding the relationship between society and environment
- Historical perspectives on human-environment interactions
- Key concepts: Ecology, sustainability, and environmental sociology

Week 2: Environmental Issues and Social Implications (6 hours)

- Major environmental issues: Climate change, pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity loss
- Social implications of environmental degradation

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- Case studies on environmental justice

Week 3: Theories and Perspectives in Environmental Sociology (6 hours)

- Classical sociological theories and the environment
- Contemporary perspectives: Ecofeminism, political ecology, and deep ecology
- Role of social institutions in environmental governance

Week 4: Human Impact on the Environment (6 hours)

- Population dynamics and environmental stress
- Urbanization and its environmental impact
- Consumption patterns and ecological footprints

Week 5: Environmental Policies and Sustainable Development (6 hours)

- Overview of global and national environmental policies
- Sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- Role of NGOs and international organizations in environmental conservation

Week 6: Case Studies and Project Work (5 hours)

- In-depth analysis of specific environmental issues through case studies
- Group discussions and presentations
- Final project: Proposing solutions for a local environmental issue

Instructor: Dr. Animesh AL Rai

Dr. Animesh AL Rai is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya. With extensive experience in the field of sociology, Dr. Rai brings a wealth of knowledge and a passionate commitment to understanding and addressing environmental issues through a sociological perspective. His research interests include environmental sociology, sustainable development, and social policy, making him well-equipped to guide students through the complexities of the subject matter.

Conclusion

The "Society and Environment" course is a comprehensive program that addresses the need for a deeper understanding of the socio-environmental nexus. By integrating theoretical knowledge with practical case studies, the course prepares students to tackle environmental challenges with informed and sustainable solutions. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Animesh AL Rai, students are expected to gain valuable insights and develop critical thinking skills essential for contributing to the field of environmental sociology. This course not only broadens academic horizons but also instills a sense of responsibility towards fostering a sustainable future.

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Add-on Course: Social Research Methods

Instructor: Dr. Sanjoy Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Institution: Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya
Course Duration: Starting from 7th January 2020, 35 hours

Course Overview

The add-on course "Social Research Methods" is designed to provide undergraduate students with a comprehensive understanding of the methodologies used in social research. This 35-hour course, conducted by Dr. Sanjoy Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, aims to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge required to conduct effective social research. The course covers a wide range of topics, from basic research concepts to advanced techniques, ensuring a well-rounded education in social research methods.

Objectives of the Course

The primary objectives of the course are:

- To introduce students to the fundamental concepts and principles of social research.
- To develop students' ability to formulate research questions and hypotheses.
- To teach students various research designs and methodologies.
- To enhance students' skills in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.
- To prepare students for conducting independent research projects.
- To foster critical thinking and analytical skills through practical exercises and assignments.

Prerequisites

The course is designed for undergraduate students with a keen interest in sociology and social research. While no specific prerequisites are required, a basic understanding of sociology and general research methods will be beneficial.

Course Content

The 35-hour course is divided into several modules, each focusing on different aspects of social research methods. The detailed course content is as follows:

Module 1: Introduction to Social Research (5 hours)

- Definition and purpose of social research
- Types of social research (qualitative vs. quantitative)
- Ethical considerations in social research

Module 2: Research Design (5 hours)

- Formulating research questions and hypotheses
- Types of research designs (exploratory, descriptive, explanatory)

- Sampling methods and techniques

Module 3: Data Collection Methods (8 hours)

- Primary data collection methods (surveys, interviews, focus groups)
- Secondary data sources (literature review, existing datasets)
- Tools and techniques for data collection

Module 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation (8 hours)

- Introduction to statistical analysis
- Qualitative data analysis techniques
- Interpreting research findings

Module 5: Writing and Presenting Research (4 hours)

- Structuring a research report
- Academic writing styles and citation methods
- Presenting research findings effectively

Module 6: Practical Applications and Case Studies (5 hours)

- Applying research methods to real-world scenarios
- Case studies in social research
- Group projects and presentations

Instructor: Dr. Sanjoy Sarkar

Dr. Sanjoy Sarkar, an esteemed Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the course. With a strong academic background and numerous publications in the field of sociology, Dr. Sarkar is well-equipped to guide students through the intricacies of social research methods. His approachable teaching style and commitment to student success make him an invaluable asset to the course.

Conclusion

The add-on course "Social Research Methods" offers undergraduate students a unique opportunity to delve into the world of social research under the expert guidance of Dr. Sanjoy Sarkar. Through a structured curriculum, practical exercises, and engaging discussions, students will gain the skills and confidence needed to conduct independent research and contribute meaningfully to the field of sociology. This 35-hour course is an essential stepping stone for any student aspiring to pursue a career in social research or related disciplines.

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Course Schedule 3:35 pm-5:35 pm

Date	Module & Topics	Duration
7th Feb 2020	Module 1: Introduction to Social Research	2 hours
10th Feb 2020	Module 1: Introduction to Social Research	2 hours
11th Feb 2020	Module 2: Research Design	2 hours
12th Feb 2020	Module 2: Research Design	2 hours
13th Feb 2020	Module 3: Data Collection Methods	2 hours
14th Feb 2020	Module 3: Data Collection Methods	2 hours
17th Feb 2020	Module 3: Data Collection Methods	2 hours
18th Feb 2020	Module 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation	2 hours
19th Feb 2020	Module 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation	2 hours
20th Feb 2020	Module 5: Writing and Presenting Research	2 hours
21st Feb 2020	Module 5: Writing and Presenting Research	2 hours
24th Feb 2020	Module 6: Practical Applications and Case Studies	2 hours
25th Feb 2020	Module 6: Practical Applications and Case Studies	2 hours
26th Feb 2020	Module 6: Practical Applications and Case Studies	2 hours
27th Feb 2020	Recap and Review	2 hours
28th Feb 2020	Group Presentation and Test	4 hours
29 th Feb 2020	Valedictory Session	1 hour

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